

CLAIMS

1. A kit of parts comprising a tubing component having at least two in-line sections with different external diameters and a set of connection means, each connection means having dimensions such that it may be joined to the tubing component at a respective section.
2. A kit according to Claim 1, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.
3. A kit of parts according to any preceding claim, for use in fabricating an air-conditioning system.
4. A method of connecting a tubing component to a pipe comprising the steps of:
  - providing a tubing component with at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;
  - selecting a section with a substantially similar diameter to that of the pipe;
  - if the selected section is not at an end of the tubing component, cutting the tubing component in the vicinity of the selected section so that the selected section is at an end of the tubing component;
  - providing a set of connection means in a range of sizes;
  - selecting a connection means of suitable dimensions for joining to the selected section; and
  - joining the selected connection means to the tubing component at the selected section.
5. A method according to Claim 4, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.